

FUND FOR UFO RESEARCH

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Office Activity

Office activity remains at record low levels. One radio interview request was received and accommodated.

Press Newsletter

The UFO Report has been published and distributed to the press for almost a year. The first correspondence with a news outlet was received in February 2001, when the Asahi, Japan, *Shimbun* asked to be added to the mailing list. Most of the material in the press newsletter has been background material because no real news or major sightings has occurred during this year.

National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena (NARCAP)

NARCAP is contemplating promotion of the view that aircraft encounters with UFOs could be dangerous to aircraft passengers or crew if instruments were lost or if sudden maneuvers were taken during an encounter. web site: www.narcap.org

Fund Raising

Forms for purchasing various books will be sent with the next quarterly report.

Lack of interest by Joe Firmage in underwriting ufological initiatives means money will have to be raised the old-fashioned way—individual contributions and document sales.

News Item

The Canadian government has declassified and released UFO reports from the 1995-1999 time period. In one report from the Yukon area in 1997, a high-speed triangular object was seen to make an instantaneous turn.

Press reports on an alleged UFO that shut down a Russian airport have not stimulated widespread interest although both UPI and AFP released the story.

On-going Projects

Wendy Wolfe's final report on Australian aboriginal accounts of UFO events and alleged abductions has been received.

The McDonald tape-CD conversion project continues. The suggestion was made to create breaks in the CD to facilitate progression through the material. Progress is being made with about 20 tapes out of 110 converted into CD format.

New Proposals

Ramey memo.--Robert Swiatek suggested taking a high resolution copy of the Ramey memo to a commercial outfit to see what resources it could apply to make the document readable.

Richard Hall has been in communication with a man who has collected an extensive number of reports from individuals manning forest fire towers. The reports span a number of years. This could make an important contribution to the field as these reports are untapped by researchers. Inquires are being made as to the possibility of publishing this collection.

Publications

The Coalition (CUFOS, MUFON, FUFOR) publication *The UFO Evidence II* is in bookstores and has received a number of very favorable reviews.

The project to scan the NICAP monthly *UFO Investigator* onto CD-ROM continues to be delayed due to scanning and cleaning problems.

Fund Web Site Modernization Program

A number of new pages have been proposed by Paul Nahay. A shopping cart feature has been suggested as well as a page to provide details of recent grants. Scanning past issues of the press newsletter *The UFO Report* was also discussed. Also under consideration are: guest essays; UFO news; "Hall of Fame" classic cases; and sighting/abduction report forms.